

WALLSEND,

January, 1897.

Annual Report

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WALLSEND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit you my Annual Report for the year ending 1896.

Locality Wallsend.	Area in Acres.	Inhabited Houses.		Population.		Estimated Population to the Middle of the Year.
		1891.	1896.	1881.	1891.	
Urban	1,202	709	2,935	6,351	11,620	15,000

Births. The number of births registered to the 31st of December, 1896, was 472 ; 237 males, and 235 females, giving a birth rate of 31·46 per 1,000.

Deaths. For the same period, the number of deaths, from all causes, was 191 ; deducting 6 deaths from persons not belonging to the district, would give a death rate of 12·7 per 1,000.

Excess of births over deaths—287.

Death Rate of
Previous Years.

1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
15·08	15·07	15·8	13·9	15·5	12·7

Ages.

- 57 were under 1 year.
- 35 between 1 and 5 years.
- 11 between 5 and 15 years.
- 10 between 15 and 25 years.
- 35 between 25 and 65 years.
- 23 above 65 years.

Upon the births registered, the death rate was 120·7.

One-half of our deaths this year occurred between the ages of 1 and 5 years.

Notification of Diseases.	Erysipelas	13
	Membraneous Croup	5
	Scarlet Fever	52
	Diphtheria... ..	8
	Puerperal Fever	1
	TOTAL	<u>79</u> compared with 64 last year.

		<i>Last Year.</i>	
Deaths from Infectious Diseases.	Measles	1	Measles 17
	Whooping Cough	3	Scarlet Fever 2
	Scarlet Fever	3	Typhus Fever 2
	Typhus Fever... ..	0	Typhoid Fever 0
	Typhoid Fever	0	Diphtheria 0
	Diphtheria	3	Erysipelas 0
	Erysipelas	3	Whooping Cough 2
		<u>13</u> compared with 23 last year.	<u>23</u>

The zymotic death rate for the year—·086.

Scarlet Fever has been more prevalent than last year, and nearly all the cases have been of a mild character. It has extended all over the district, so that it is difficult to account for it.

I am sorry the people have such an aversion to the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Consumption. 14 cases, against 21 last year.

Bronchitis. 28 cases, against 42 last year.

Heart Disease. 12 cases, against 23 last year.

Influenza. Influenza has been prevalent in the district, during the year, in a very mild form.

Old Middens. They get reduced very slowly ; 21 have been removed.

I once more draw the attention of the Council to the great want of new bye-laws as to the building of new houses.

I produce a sample of dried mud which is being used for mortar in the houses building in Davis Street.

Some of the houses are being built where privies and ash-pits existed previously, yet no other precaution has been taken but just the same as if it were virgin soil.

There are no roads to these houses, and the poor children, some of them not too well shod, have to go to school and sit there all day with wet feet.

I have had complaints made to me about the roads.

I think this Shylock business ought to be put an end to, on the part of the landlord.

Again, a rather ridiculous thing exists. A great many down-come pipes are fixed over the floor ventilators, consequently, the foundation becomes soaked with rain.

Slaughter
Houses.

I reported to the Council my visit to West Hartlepool; that I had seen a case of tuberculosis in a beast, which would, without a doubt, have been sold to the public if it had been slaughtered in a private place.

(Signed)

THOMAS WILSON.

